

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, fifth full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

each of the guide members is provided with a guide rib for regulating widthwise movement of a second paper, which is smaller than the first paper, in cooperation with one of the side walls, the guide ribs extending from the slotslots to the second surface of the chute box.

Page 4, third full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

each of the guide members is provided with a guide rib for regulating widthwise movement of a second paper, which is smaller than the first paper, in cooperation with one of the side walls, the guide ribs extending from the slotslots to the second surface of the chute box.

Page 8, paragraph spanning pages 8 and 9, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

The printing apparatus 1 is constructed so as to enable provision of a plurality of printing engines 10 therein, as shown in Figure 2. The printing engines 10 perform printing of images on papers. Four print engines 10, 11, 12, and 13 are provided in the printing apparatus 1 shown in Figure 2. The print engines 10, 11, 12, and 13 perform color printing on thermal recording paper by the thermo-autochrome method, for example. The printing engines 10, 11, 12, and 13 house papers corresponding to a plurality of print sizes (3x5, postcard size, CD size and the like) in the form of curled sheets. When the user specifies a print size from among 4x6, 3x5, postcard size, CD size, and the like, each of the printing engines 10, 11, 12, and 13 performs printing of image data onto papers of the specified print size.

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Page 10, first full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

The guide members 40 are provided at the lower sides of each of the slots 31 of the chute box 30. One end 40a of each of the guide members 40 is positioned at the lower side of the slots corresponding slot 31, and the other end 40b is positioned toward a second surface 33 of the chute box 30, which faces the surface in which the slots 31 are formed. The guide members 40 are also inclined downward (the direction indicated by arrow Z1) from the slots 31.

Page 11, first full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

Here, the guide ribs 50 are provided so that the widths between them and the side wall 34b ~~narrow~~narrow toward the second surface 33 of the chute box 30 from the ends 40a (at the side of the slots 31) of the guide members 40. Therefore, even in the case that the second paper OP2 is inserted from the slots 31 shifted in the direction of the arrow X, or inclined with respect to the direction indicated by arrow X, the second paper OP2 is guided while its widthwise movement is regulated, and caused to fall through the gap 35 at substantially the same position. Note that in the case that a plurality of first papers OP1 are shifted in their widthwise directions (the direction indicated by the arrow X) when inserted through the slots 31, they are caused to fall in an aligned state by side walls 34a and 34b.